VAUX.

Speculum anni a partu virginis, 1656.

OR,

A New Almanack for the Year of the Worlds Redemption, 1656.

Being the Biſſextile or Leap-year.

Calculated and principally referred to the Latitude and Meridian of the City of *Durham*, and may ſerve without any groſſe errour for the whole Iſle of great BRITAIN.

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Et Annulus Annus.

Finis anni unius principium eſt alterius.

As th' old year ends the new begins,
Begin new lives, ſhake off old ſins.

Saturnus pertit, perierunt & ſua jura:
Sub Jove nunc mundus, juſſa ſequare Jovis.

Saturn is dead, his laws are all decai'd,
Iove rules the world, now *Iove* muſt be obey'd.

Ulteriora mari, præſentia ſequi
ſapientes decet. Tacitus.

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The Common Notes, and moveable Feasts, for this present year, 1656. according both to the English and Reformed account.

The Julian, Sosigenian, or English Account.		*The Lilian, Gregorian, or Romane Account.*	
The Golden Number	4	Aureus Numerus	4
The Cycle of the Sun	13	Cyclus Solaris	13
The Domin. Letter	E	Litera Dominicalis	E
The Roman Indiction	9	Romana Indictio	9
The Epact.	14	Epactæ	4
Shrovesunday, Feb	17	Quinquagesima	Febr. 27
Easter day, April	6	Dominica Paschatis,	Apr. 16
Ascension day, May	15	Ascensio Domini	May 25
Whitsunday May	2	Pentecoste	June 13
Trinity Sund. June	1	Festus Trinitatis	June 11
Advent Sund. Nove.	30	Adventus Dom.	Decemb. 3

From the Nativity of Christ to Shrovesunday, is 7 weeks 4. dayes.	Interval. minus five Numer. hebd & dier. inter Nat. Dom. & Festo mihi. hebd. 9. dier. 0.

4 weeks 2 dayes	Betwixt Whitsunday and Midsummer	2. weeke, 6 dayes.
25 weeks	Betwixt Whitsund. & Advent called *Interv. majus.*	24 weeks:

Veneris ingens fidus cum antegreditur Solem φωσφορὸς Græce, Lucifer Latine dicitur; Cum subsequitur & ab occasu refulgit, vesper, vesperugo & ἕσπερος appellatur.

This bright shining Planet is Oriental, or our morning star, this present year, untill the 1. day of September But from thence she is Occidental, or our Evening Star untill the 24. day of June, 1657.

The Regiment which is usually given to the twelve signes of the Zodiaque over the Body of Man.

♈ Head and face.

♉ Neck and throat.

♋ Breast, stomack, and ribs.

♍ Bowels and belly.

♏ Secret members.

♑ Knees.

♊ Armes and shoulders.

♌ Heart and backe

♎ Reines and loynes

♐ Thighes.

♒ Legs.

♓ The Feet.

De Signis Cælestibus Hexastica.

♈ ♉ Signorum princeps Aries & Taurus, & una,
♊ ♋ Tindaridæ Juvenes, & fervida brachia Caneri,
♌ ♍ Herculeusque Leo Nemeæ pavor, almaque Virgo.
♎ ♏ Libra jugo æqualipendens, & Scorpius acer.
♐ ♑ Centauruſque ſenex Cheiron, & Cornua Capri.
♒ ♓ Et Juvenis geſtator aquæ: Piſceſque ſupremi.

The Characters of the Planets, Aspects, and Intersections with their Significations.

♄ Saturn ♃, Jupiter, ♂ Mars, ☉ Sol, ♀ Venus, ☿ Mercury, ☽ Luna, ☌ Conjunction, ⚹ Sextile, □ Quartile, △ Trine, ☍ Opposition. ☊ Caput Draconis. ☋ Cauda Draconis.

To the Buyers yearly of Almanacks and Prognostications.

Præfatio, sive admonitio pia & utilis.

THou whose short span of life, as plain appeares,
Hangs but upon the waist of some few yeares:
Which that Arithmetician best of men
Cast up in his account threescore and ten.
How soon they will determine, dig thy grave,
Thou may'st observe, thou seest what wings they have,
How with no sound they wheel their time about,
Eating with silence lives and leases out:
As here's a date but yesterday renu'd,
No longer since, yet doth a year conclude,
In which the Diary of little cost
Is now run out, and that small value lost
Wherewith twas purchas'd; if thou not extend
Thy thoughts, to make it thus far forth thy friend,
That every year thy Almanack thou buyest,
Th'art one year nearer to the year thou dyest:
And from that meditation so prepares
Thy life, that death not seize thee unawares.
One year thus to another yielding room,
Have fill'd up many a Sepulcher and Tomb:
Fretted out Brasse with age, Marble with rust,
Converted Generations into dust.
From which collect, though here so young thou be,
This may be Doomes-dayes small year with thee;
And from that motive such a method borrow,
As thou should'st live an Age, or dye to morrow.

De quatuor Anni tempestatibus. Tetrasticha.

Vere Venus gaudet florentibus aurea sertis
Decrescunt calores Æstivis ignibus annos.
Vitibus Autumnus turgentes detrahit uvas.
Tristis Hyems in nives vestimine vestit.

January hath xxxj. dayes.

So Boreas breaths forth from the frozen Zone,
That Rivers turn to Chriſtal Rocks like ſtone,
The bald-pate woods are periwigd with the wool,
That Nature from congealed Clouds doth pull.

1	a	New yeare.	ſtomack	7.21	4.39	Ful moo.
2	b	Oct. Stephen	heart and	7.19	4.41	the 1 day
3	c	Oct. John	back	7.18	4.42	31 min.
4	d	Oct. Innoc.	bowels	7.17	4.43	paſt 9 at
5	e	Simeon	bowels &	7.15	4.45	night.
6	f	Twelf day.	belly	7.14	4.46	
7	g	Felix	reins and	7.12	4.48	Laſt qua.
8	a	Lucian.	loines	7.10	4.50	the 8 day
9	b	Paul. Her.	ſecrets &	7.8	4.52	7 min.
10	c	Sol in Aqua.	bladder	7.6	4.54	paſt 2 in
11	d	Linus	thighes	7.5	4.55	the after-
12	e	Arcade m.	thighes	7.3	4.57	noon.
13	f	1 Sun. af. Ep.	thighes	7.2	4.58	
14	g	Hilary bifh.	knees	7.0	5.0	New
15	a	Maur. Ab.	knees	6.58	5.2	moon the
16	b	Marcellus	legs	6.57	5.3	16 day,
17	c	Anthony.	legs	6.55	5.5	43 min.
18	d	Priſca	legs	6.53	5.7	paſt 1 in
19	e	Wolſtan.	feet	6.51	5.9	the after-
20	f	2 Sun. af. Ep.	feet	6.49	5.11	noon.
21	g	Oct. Hilla	head and	6.47	5.13	Firſt qua.
22	a	Vincent.	face	6.45	5.15	the 24
23	b	Term begin.	neck	6.43	5.17	day 24
24	c	Timothy.	neck and	6.41	5.19	min. paſt
25	d	Conv. Paul	throat	6.40	5.20	2 in the
26	e	Polycarp.	armes and	6.38	5.22	afternoo.
27	f	3 Sun. af. Ep.	ſhoulders	6.36	5.24	Ful moo.
28	g	Quin. Hil.	breaſt and	6.34	5.26	the 31 da.
29	a	Valer. bifh.	ſtomack	6.32	5.28	54 min
30	b	Decol. C,R.	heart and	6.29	5.31	paſt 7 in
31	c	Sat. & Sol.	back	6.27	5.33	the morn.

The God of winds, fierce blustring Eolus,
Now resteth with mild breathing Zephirus:
Loosing the Rivers Boreas did chain,
Thaweth the Clouds, setting all free again.

1	D	Brigget	bowels &	7,25	4,35		
2	E	Purific. Mary	belly	7,23	4,37		
3	F	Septuagessim.	reines and	7,20	4,40		
4	G	Crast. Purif.	loines	7,18	4,42		
5	a	Agatha vir.	secrets &	7,16	4,44	Last qua.	
6	b	Vedastus	bladder	7,13	4,47	the 7 day	
7	c	Dorothe vir.	thighes	7,11	4,49	31 min.	
8	d	Paul bish.	thighes	7, 9	4,51	past 4 in	
9	e	Apol sub piscib.	thighes	7, 7	4,53	the morn.	
10	f	Sexagesima	knees	7, 5	4,55		
11	g	Octa. Purif.	knees	7, 3	4,57		
12	a	Scholastica	legs	7, 1	4,59	New	
13	b	Term ends.	legs	6,58	5, 2	moon the	
14	c	Valentine.	legs	6,56	5, 4	15 day, 6	
15	d	Faustine	feet	6,54	5, 6	min. be-	
16	e	Julian	feet	6,52	5, 8	fore 8 in	
17	f	Shrovesund.	head	6,50	5,10	the morn.	
18	g	Simeon.	head and	6,48	5,12		
19	a	Gabine.	face	6,45	5,15	First	
20	b	Ash Wednesd.	neck and	6,43	5,17	quarter	
21	c	9 Martyrs	throat	6,41	5,19	the 23day	
22	D	Simerum.	armes and	6,38	5,22	2 min.	
23	e	Policronius	shoulders	6,36	5,24	past 2 in	
24	f	Quadragesim.	breast and	6,34	5,26	the morn.	
25	g	Matthias.	stomack	6,31	5,29	Full	
26	A	Nestor mar.	heart and	6,29	5,31	moon th	
27	B	Augustine	back	6,27	5,33	29 day,	
28	b	Oswald.	bowels &	6,24	5,36	9 min.	
29	c		belly	6,22	5,38	before 6	
		Fixed feasts.	Moons place.	sun rise	sun set	In the e- vening.	

Behold with what inchanting melodie,
Birds sing my welcome, eccho'd by the skie;
The merry notes of noble Nightingales,
Ring through the mountains, meadows, woods and dales.

1	b	David bish.	reins and	6	22	5	38	
2	c	2 sund.in Lent	loins	6	20	5	40	
3	d	Chad bish.	secrets	6	18	5	42	
4	e	Dyfanus	secrets &	6	16	5	44	Last
5	f	Eusebius.	bladder	6	13	5	47	quarter
6	g	Victor & S.	thighes	6	11	5	49	the 7 day,
7	a	Thom.Aqu.	thighes	6	9	5	51	46 min.
8	b	xl martyrs	knees	6	6	5	54	past 7 in
9	c	3 sun.In Lent	knees	6	4	5	56	the even-
10	d	In Arkie	knees	6	2	5	58	ing.
11	e	Mart & Fast	legs	6	0	6	0	New
12	f	Pontius	legs	5	58	6	2	moon the
13	g	Theodore.	feet	5	56	6	4	16 day,
14	a	Candide	feet	5	54	6	6	39 min.
15	b	Longinus.	feet	5	51	6	9	past 1 af-
16	c	4 sun.In Lent	head and	5	49	6	11	ter mid-
17	d	Patrick bish.	face	5	47	6	13	night
18	e	Theod.mart.	neck and	5	44	6	16	First
19	f	Gother bish.	throat	5	42	6	18	quarter
20	g	Cuthbert	armes and	5	40	6	20	the 23
21	a	Benedictus	shoulders.	5	38	6	22	day, 43
22	b	Zythodeus	breast	5	36	6	24	min. past
23	c	5 Sun.in Lent	breast and	5	33	6	27	10 in the
24	d	Agapit,mar.	stomack	5	31	6	29	forenoon.
25	e	Annun. Mary	heart and	5	29	6	31	Full
26	f	Cast.mart	back	5	26	6	34	moon the
27	g	Resur. Dom.	bowels &	5	24	6	36	30 day,
28	a	Dorothy v.	belly	5	22	6	38	17 min
29	b	Eustachius	reins and	5	20	6	40	past 3 in
30	c	Palm Sunday.	loins	5	18	6	42	the morn-
31	d	Idelm. bish	secrets &	5	16	6	44	ing.

April hath xxx dayes.

If thou be ſick go ſeek for ſome releif,
For phyſick comes too late to cure the greif,
When old diſeaſes once are waxen ſtrong,
Prepare thy ſelf, for thou muſt needs along.

1	g	Theodote.	bladder	5	14	6	46
2	a	Mary Egy.	thighes	5	12	6	48
3	b	Maun. Thurſ.	thighes	5	10	6	50 Laſt
4	c	Good Friday.	knees	5	8	6	52 quarter
5	d	Egeſippus	knees	5	6	6	54 the 6 day,
6	e	Eaſter day.	knees	5	4	6	56 6 min.
7	f	Jubilate	legs	5	2	6	58 paſt 3 in
8	g	Richardbiſh.	legs	4	59	7	the after-
9	a	Sol ſub Gem.	feet	4	57	7	noon.
10	b	Ambroſius	feet	4	55	7	5 New
11	c	Juſtinus	feet	4	53	7	7 moon the
12	d	Vincent m.	head and	4	51	7	9 14 day,
13	e	Low ſunday.	face	4	49	7	11 27 min.
14	f	Paſ. 7 Virg.	neck	4	47	7	13 paſt 2 in
15	g	Ciriacus mar.	neck and	4	45	7	15 the morn-
16	a	Ildoze Bi.	throat	4	43	7	18 ing.
17	b	Anicete bith.	armes and	4	40	7	20 Firſt
18	c	Eleutherius.	ſhoulders	4	38	7	22 quarter
19	d	Alphage	breaſt &	4	36	7	24 the 21 day
20	e	2 Sun. af. Eaſt.	ſtomack	4	34	7	26 3 min.
21	f	Quind. paſch.	heart and	4	32	7	28 paſt 5 in
22	g	Victor	back	4	30	7	30 the even-
23	a	Term begins.	bowels &	4	28	7	32 ing.
24	b	Wilfrid.	belly	4	26	7	34 Full
25	c	Mark Evang.	reines &	4	24	7	36 moon the
26	d	Cletus	loines	4	22	7	38 28 day, 8
27	e	3 ſun. af. Eaſt.	ſecrets &	4	20	7	40 min. be-
28	f	Tres Paſchæ	bladder	4	18	7	42 fore 2 in
29	g	Tiburtius	thighes	4	16	7	44 the after-
30	a	Cantate	thighes	4	14	7	46 noon.

May hath xxxj dayes.

Now Flora decketh Tellus tender breast,
With buds and blossomes sweet and of the best:
Set up your Stills, and use Mayes dew therein,
Maids rise betimes, and learn of birds to sing.

1	c	Phil. & Jac.	*thighes*	4	12	7	48	
2	d	Athanasius	*knees*	4	10	7	50	
3	d	Invent. cru.	*knees*	4	8	7	52	
4	●	4 Sun. af. East.	*legs*	4	6	7	54	Last
5	f	Mens. pasch.	*legs*	4	4	7	56	quarter
6	g	Jo. Bo. Lat	*legs*	4	3	7	57	the 6 day
7	a	Jo. of Bev.	*feet*	4	1	7	59	at 10 of
8	b	Aspa. S. M	*feet*	4	0	8	0	the clock
9	c	Gregory bis.	*head*	3	58	8	2	in the
10	d	Gordian	*head and*	3	57	8	3	forenoon.
11	●	Rogation sun.	*face*	3	55	8	5	New
12	f	Quinq. Pasch.	*neck and*	3	54	8	6	moon the
13	g	Christoph.	*throat*	3	52	8	8	14 day,
14	a	Isidorem	*armes and*	3	51	8	9	34 min:
15	b	Ascension day	*shoulders*	3	49	8	11	past 2 in
16	c	Crast. Ascen.	*breast and*	3	47	8	13	the morn-
17	d	Dioscor mar.	*stomack*	3	46	8	14	ing.
18	●	6 sun. af. East.	*heart &*	3	44	8	16	First
19	e	Term ends.	*back*	3	43	8	17	quarter
20	g	Bern. trans.	*bowels &*	3	42	8	18	the 20
21	a	Restit. virg.	*belly*	3	41	8	19	day, 20
22	b	Desiderii	*reins*	3	40	8	20	min: past
23	c	Parmenæ	*reins and*	3	39	8	21	10 at
24	d	Dunst. com.	*loines*	3	38	8	22	night.
25	●	Whitsunday	*secrets and*	3	37	8	23	Full
26	f	Germene	*bladder*	3	36	8	24	moon the
27	g	Bede	*thighes*	3	35	8	25	28 day,
28	a	Choronia.	*thighes*	3	34	8	26	28 min:
29	b	Felix bish.	*knees*	3	33	8	27	past 1 in
30	c	Merens	*knees*	3	32	8	28	the morn-
31	d	Nicomede.	*knees*	3	31	8	29	ing.

No way Inferiour to the flowers of May,
Are the dew-dropping Roſes I diſplay:
With other flowers exquiſitely rare,
Whoſe odoriferous ſcent perfumes the aire.

1	F.	Trinity Sund	*legs*	3	30	8	30	
2	f	Craſt. Trin.	*legs*	3	30	8	30	
3	g	Eraſmus	*feet*	3	29	8	31	
4	a	Pichomede	*feet*	3	29	8	31	Laſt
5	b	Corpus Chri.	*feet*	3	28	8	32	quarter
6	c	Term begins	*head and*	3	28	8	32	the 5 day,
7	d	Medard	*face*	3	28	8	32	14 min.
8	e	1 ſun.af. Tri.	*neck and*	3	28	8	32	paſt 3 in
9	f	Oct. Trinitat.	*throat*	3	28	8	32	the morn-
10	g	Innocent	*armes and*	3	28	8	32	ing.
11	a	Sol ſub cancro	*ſhoulders*	3	27	8	33	New
12	b	Baſil	*breaſt &*	3	27	8	33	moon the
13	c	Anthony	*ſtomack*	3	27	8	33	12 day,
14	d	Vitt. Baſ.	*hearts and*	3	27	8	33	11 min.
15	e	2 ſun. af. Tri.	*back*	3	28	8	32	before
16	f	Quind. Trinit	*bowels*	3	28	8	32	highnoon.
17	g	Botolph	*bowels &*	3	28	8	32	Firſt
18	a	Marcelinus	*belly*	3	28	8	32	quarter
19	b	Gervaſius	*reines and*	3	28	8	32	the 19
20	c	Walburge	*loines*	3	28	8	32	day, 41
21	d	Albane M.	*ſecrets &*	3	29	8	31	min. paſt
22	e	3 ſun. af. Tri.	*bladder*	3	29	8	31	3 in the
23	f	Tres Trinitat.	*thighes*	3	30	8	30	morning.
24	g	S. John Bapt.	*thighes*	3	30	8	30	Full
25	a	Term ends.	*knees*	3	31	8	29	moon the
26	b	John & Paul	*knees*	3	32	8	28	26 day,
27	c	7 Sleepers	*knees*	3	33	8	27	12 min.
28	d	Leo Biſh.	*legs*	3	34	8	26	before 3
29	e	4 ſun.af. Trin.	*legs*	3	35	8	25	in the af-
30	f	Com.of Paul	*feet*	3	36	8	24	ternoon.

The rare aſpect of all the fragrant flowers,
That cloaths the fields, and graceth ſtately bowers,
Now 'gins to fade, as Nature hath decreed,
And Leo's fervent heat makes ripe their ſeed.

1	g	Oct. St. John.	*feet*	3	37	8	23	
2	e	Visitat. Mary.	*feet*	3	38	8	22	
3		Transl. Tho.	*head and*	3	39	8	21	
4	c	Mart. transl.	*face*	3	40	8	20	Laſt
5	d	Zoe Virgin	*neck*	3	41	8	19	quarter
6		5 ſun. af. Trin.	*neck and*	3	42	8	18	the 4 day,
7	f	Simeon biſ.	*throat*	3	43	8	17	33 min.
8	g	Swithbald	*armes &*	3	44	8	16	paſt 6 in
9	a	Cirill Biſh.	*ſhoulders*	3	46	8	14	the even-
10	b	7 Brethy M.	*breaſt and*	3	47	8	13	ing.
11	c	Ben. transl.	*ſtomack*	3	49	8	11	New
12	d	Sol ſub Leone	*heart and*	3	51	8	9	moon the
13		6 ſun af. Tri.	*back*	3	52	8	8	11 day, 15
14	f	Divis. Apo	*bowels &*	3	54	8	6	min. be-
15	g	Petroctus	*belly*	3	55	8	5	fore 8 in
16	a	Holland	*reines and*	3	57	8	3	the even-
17		Kenelm	*loines*	3	58	8	2	ing.
18	c	Arnulph	*ſecrets and*	4	0	8	0	firſt
19	d	Dog dates beg	*bladder.*	4	1	7	59	quarter
20		7 ſun. af. Trin.	*thighes*	4	3	7	57	the 18
21	f	Praxedes v.	*Thighes*	4	4	7	56	day, 38
22	g	Mary Mag.	*thighes*	4	6	7	54	min. paſt
23	a	Apoll biſh.	*knees*	4	8	7	52	10 in the
24	b	Chriſtina	*knees*	4	10	7	50	forenoon.
25	c	James Apoſt.	*legs*	4	12	7	48	Full
26	d	Anne m. ma.	*legs*	4	14	7	46	moon the
27		8 ſun af. Tri.	*legs*	4	16	7	44	26 day,
28	f	Hampſ. B.	*feet*	4	18	7	42	39 min.
29	g	Nab. & Fel	*feet*	4	20	7	40	paſt 5 in
30	a	Abdon.	*head*	4	22	7	38	the morn-
31		Germane b:	*head and*	4	24	7	36	ing.

August hath xxxj. dayes.

For what the former moneths have toyling wrought,
And laboured in, is to perfection brought
Onely in me, I still have had a Care,
To store your garners for the future year.

1	c	Lammas day	*face*	4	26	7	34		
2	d	Steven. D.	*neck and*	4	28	7	32		
3	e	9 sun. af. Tri.	*throat*	4	30	7	30		
4	f	Aristarchus	*arms and*	4	32	7	28	Last	
5	g	Oswald.	*shoulders*	4	34	7	26	quarter	
6	a	Transl. Chr.	*breast and*	4	36	7	24	the 3 day,	
7	b	Donatus b.	*stomack*	4	38	7	22	26 min.	
8	c	Syriack	*Heart and*	4	40	7	20	past 7 in	
9	d	Romane m.	*Back*	4	42	7	18	the morn-	
10	e	10 sun. af. Tri.	*bowels &*	4	45	7	15	ing.	
11	f	Tiburt. mar.	*belly*	4	47	7	13	New	
12	g	Clare virg.	*reines and*	4	49	7	11	moon the	
13	a	Sol sub Virg.	*loines*	4	51	7	9	10 day,	
14	b	Eusebius.	*secrets*	4	53	7	7	15 min.	
15	c	Assump. M.	*secrets &*	4	55	7	5	past 3 in	
16	d	Rochus mi.	*bladder*	4	57	7	3	the morn-	
17	e	11 sun. af Tri.	*thighes*	4	59	7	1	ing.	
18	f	Helena	*thighes*	5	2	6	58	First	
19	g	Magnus.	*knees*	5	4	6	56	quarter	
20	a	Ludowick.	*knees*	5	6	6	54	the 16	
21	b	Bernard.	*legs*	5	8	6	52	day, 13	
22	c	Oct. Assump	*legs*	5	10	6	50	min. past	
23	d	Zacheus	*legs*	5	12	6	48	8 in the	
24	e	12 sun. af. Tri.	*feet*	5	14	6	46	evening.	
25	f	Ludovicus	*feet*	5	16	6	44	Full	
26	g	Severine	*head*	5	18	6	42	moon the	
27	a	Ruff. mart.	*head and*	5	20	6	40	24 day,	
28	b	Dog dayes end	*face*	5	22	6	38	41 min.	
29	c	I. B. beheaded	*neck and*	5	24	6	36	past 9 in	
30	d	Felix & An.	*throat*	5	26	6	34	the even-	
31	e	13 sun. af. Tri.	*armes*	5	29	6	31	ing.	

e branches of the fertile trees do bow,
er the fruit: Pomona doth bestow
n the World: The messengers would faln
ns'd, now, of the burthens they sustain.

1	f	Giles abbot	*armes and*	5	31	6	29	Last
2	g	Anthony.	*shoulders*	5	33	6	27	quarter
3	a	Odin. Ep.	*breast and*	5	36	6	24	the 1 day,
4	b	Tr of Cuth.	*stomack*	5	38	6	22	16 min.
5	c	Bertine	*heart and*	5	40	6	20	past 5 in
6	d	Eugen. conf.	*back*	5	42	6	18	the morn-
7	e	14 sun. af. Tri.	*bowels &*	5	44	6	16	ing.
8	f	Nat. b Mariæ	*belly*	5	47	6	13	New
9	g	Gilbins.	*reins and*	5	49	6	11	moon the
10	a	Hieremias	*loins.*	5	51	6	9	8 day, 58
11	b	Martian	*secrets &*	5	54	6	6	min. be-
12	c	Hadrian.	*bladder*	5	56	6	4	fore high
13	d	Sol sub Libra	*thighes*	5	58	6	2	noon.
14	e	15 Sun af Tri.	*thighes*	6	0	6	0	Firſt
15	f	Ex, of Mary	*knees*	6	2	5	58	quarter
16	g	Euph.	*knees*	6	4	5	56	the 15
17	a	Lambert.	*knees*	6	6	5	54	day, 43
18	b	Stigmata.	*legs*	6	9	5	51	min. paſt
19	c	Januarius	*legs*	6	11	5	49	9 in the
20	d	Gustavus	*feet*	6	13	5	47	forenoon.
21	e	16 sun. af. Tri.	*feet*	6	16	5	45	Full
22	f	Matth. Apoſt.	*feet*	6	18	5	42	moon the
23	g	Maurittus	*head and*	6	20	5	40	23 day,
24	a	Andochens.	*face*	6	22	5	38	8 min.
25	b	Firmine	*neck*	6	24	5	36	paſt 2 in
26	c	Cyprian	*Neck and*	6	27	5	33	the after-
27	d	Cosme Dam	*throat*	6	29	5	31	noon.
28	e	17 sun. af Tri.	*armes and*	6	31	5	29	
29	f	Michael arch.	*shoulders*	6	33	5	26	
30	g	Hieronim:	*breast &*	6	36	5	24	

Sow Wheat and Rie, the time doth ſo require;
Set and Remove young Trees: If you deſire
The Plum, the Pear, the Apple and the Bay,
Tis beſt of all while Moon is new they ſay.

1	a	Remegius.	ſtomack	6	38	5	22	Laſt quarter the 1 day, 45 min. paſt 4 in the morning.
2	b	Leodegarius	heart and	6	41	5	19	
3	c	Candid.mar.	back	6	43	5	17	
4	d	Francis con.	bowels &	6	45	5	15	
5	e	18 ſun.af.Tri.	belly	6	48	5	12	
6	f	Faith v.&m	Reines &	6	50	5	10	New moon the 7 day, 10 min. paſt 8 in the even-ing.
7	g	Marks mar.	loins	6	52	5	8	
8	a	Pelagius.	ſecrets &	6	54	5	6	
9	b	Dionyſius	bladder.	6	56	5	4	
10	c	Ger & Nic.	thighes	6	58	5	2	
11	d	Nicaſius	thighes	7	1	4	59	Firſt quarter the 15 day, 16 min. paſt 3 in the morning.
12	e	19 ſun.af. Tri.	thighes	7	3	4	57	
13	f	Sol ſub Scorp	knees	7	5	4	55	
14	g	Calix.	knees	7	7	4	53	
15	a	Walfrid biſh.	legs	7	9	4	51	
16	b	Gallus	legs	7	11	4	49	Full moon the 23 day 18 min. paſt 6 in the morning.
17	c	Etheldred	feet	7	13	4	47	
18	d	Luke Evang.	feet	7	16	4	44	
19	e	20 ſun.af.Tri.	feet	7	18	4	42	
20	f	Tres Michael	Head &	7	20	4	40	Laſt quarter the 30 day, 19 min paſt 1 in the afternoon.
21	g	11 Virg ma	face	7	23	4	37	
22	a	Mary Salo.	neck	7	25	4	35	
23	b	Term begins	neck and	7	27	4	33	
24	c	Magloire	throat	7	29	4	31	
25	d	Criſpine	armes and	7	32	4	28	
26	e	21 ſun.af. Tri.	ſhoulders	7	34	4	26	
27	f	Menſ. Mich.	breaſt and	7	36	4	24	
28	g	Sim & Jud.	ſtomack	7	38	4	22	
29	a	Narciſſus.	heart and	7	40	4	20	
30	b	Gezmane	back	7	41	4	19	
31	c	Quintine	Bowels	7	43	4	17	

The Rivers ſwell now in the holl ow Banks
Of winding Currents, whoſe pr ud ſurly banks
Did keep them captive all the Su mmer time
But now in rage over the banks they climbe.

1	D	All Saints.	bowels &	7	45	4	15	
2	E	22 ſun.af.Tri.	belly.	7	47	4	13	
3	F	Craft.Anim.	reins and	7	49	4	11	
4	G	Imantius.	loines	7	51	4	9	
5	A	Powder Tre	ſecrets &	7	53	4	7	
6	b	Leonard	bladder	7	55	4	5	New
7	c	Wilfride	thighes	7	57	4	3	moon the
8	D	4 Crowned	thighes	7	58	4	2	6 day, 35
9	E	23 ſun.af.Tri.	knees	8	0	4	0	min. paſt
10	F	Triphon	knees	8	1	3	59	7 in the
11	G	Martine B.	legs	8	3	3	57	morning.
12	A	Craft Mart.	legs	8	5	3	55	Firſt
13	b	Sol ſub Sagit.	legs	8	6	3	54	quarter
14	c	Tran.of Or.	feet	8	8	3	52	the 13
15	D	Jacule	feet	8	10	3	50	day, 10
16	E	24 ſun.af.Trin	head	8	12	3	48	min. be-
17	F	Hugh biſh. C.	head and	8	14	3	46	fore mid-
18	G	Octab. Mart.	face	8	15	3	45	night.
19	A	S. Elizab.	neck and	8	17	3	43	Full
20	b	K. Edward	throat	8	18	3	42	moon the
21	c	Oblat.of Ma.	arms and	8	19	3	41	21 day,
22	D	Cecily virg	ſhoulders	8	21	3	39	43 min.
23	E	25 ſun.af.Tri.	breaſt	8	22	3	38	paſt 9 at
24	F	Chriſogenus	breaſt and	8	23	3	37	night.
25	G	Quind. Mart.	ſtomack	8	24	3	36	Laſt
26	A	Linus	Heart and	8	25	3	35	quarter
27	b	Agricola	back	8	26	3	34	the 28
28	c	Ruffinus	bowels &	8	27	3	33	day, 19
29	D	Term ends.	belly	8	28	3	32	min. paſt
30	E	Andrew Apo.	reins and	8	29	3	31	9 at night

December hath xxxj. dayes.

I ended have many a hundred year,
Worne milk-white robes, and locks of silver-hair:
I still have brought the ancient year to grave,
And laid him in, another out to have.

1	f	Eloy	*loins*	8	29	3	31	
2	g	Bibiane.	*secrets &*	8	30	3	30	
3	a	Dionisius	*bladder*	8	30	3	30	
4	b	Barbara vir.	*thighes*	8	31	3	29	
5	c	Nicholaus	*thighes*	8	31	3	29	
6	d	Mab. Abbot	*knees*	8	32	3	28	New
7	e	☉ sun in Adv.	*knees*	8	32	3	28	moon the
8	f	Concept. Mary	*knees*	8	32	3	28	5 day,
9	g	Cyprian	*legs*	8	32	3	28	45 min.
10	a	Eulal. virg.	*legs*	8	32	3	28	past 9 a
11	b	☉ sub Capr.	*Feet*	8	33	3	28	night.
12	c	Basil Wifh.	*feet*	8	33	3	27	First
13	d	[illegible] virg.	*feet*	8	32	3	28	quarter
14	e	☉ sun, in Adv.	*head and*	8	32	3	28	the 13
15	f	[illegible]	*face*	8	32	3	28	day, 40
16	g	O [illegible]	*neck*	8	32		28	min. pa
17	a	[illegible]	*neck and*	8	32	3	28	9 at nigh
18	b	Gratian	*throat*	8	32	3	28	full
19	c	[illegible]	*armes &*	8	31	3	29	moon the
20	d	[illegible]	*shoulders*	8	31	3	29	21 day,
21	e	☉ sun, in Adv.	*breast &*	8	30	3	30	15 min.
22	f	[illegible]	*stomack*	8	30	3	30	before
23	g	[illegible] virg.	*heart and*	8	29	3	31	highneon
24	a	[illegible]	*back*	8	29	3	31	Laſt
25	b	Nativ. of Christ	*bowels &*	8	28	3	32	quarter
26	c	Stephen	*belly*	8	27	3	33	the 28
27	d	John Evang.	*reins and*	8	26	3	34	day, 35
28	e	☉ sun at Chri.	*loins*	8	25	3	35	min. pa
29	f	Ss. Innocent.	*secrets &*	8	24	3	36	5 in the
30	g	James Apost.	*bladder*	8	23	3	37	morning
31	a	Melchior	*thighes*	8	22	3	38	

VAUX. 1656.

A Prognoſtication, or an Appendix to the precedent Calendar for this preſent Year of Grace, 1656.

Being Biſſextile or Leap-year.

Wherein you may obſerve a brief Chronology of years; A Chronography of the four Quarters aſtronomically grounded; A brief declaration of the ſeveral Eclipſes of the two Luminaries; A prediction of the weather by infallible proofs; A brief deſcription of the antiquity of our Nation; with many uſefull, pleaſant, and profitable rules and notes, fit for the obſervation of Scholars, and others.

By *John Vaux* of S. *Hellens-Awckland.*

Anno Ætatis ſuæ 81. The 36 Edition.

Repent ye, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand, Matt. 3. 2. Sed,

Heu quantum potuit Terræ, Pelagiq; parari
Hoc quem civiles hauſerunt ſanguine dextræ!

O what might we have gain'd by Seas & Lands
With that dear blood ſpilt by our proper hands!

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The Epiſtle to the learned and judicious Reader.

COurteous Reader, and learnings learned lover, I dare not beg, the law forbids me, and I preſume I need not, for I know thy heroical benignity will voluntarily look upon my labour with a Trine Aſpect; I have once again adventured my naked ſtatue on the ſtage of the world, if thou find it ſtragling, cloath it with the cloak of thy countenance, and ſhelter it a little under the wings of thy worth, and then I care not for the ſcornfull glance of him that looks awry, but dares not write; I never feared the Lions skin, and I know that the bawling Currs cannot hurt the Moon: Wherefore if herein I have pleaſed thy palat, I am ſufficiently ſatisfied; as for the envious and overcurious, they ſhall the leſſe trouble me, ſith I know there is nothing in this world but is ſubect to the Erinnis of ill diſpoſed perſons, whoſe malice is as fatal as the dart of Cephalus, or Paris ſhaft, which neither a ſeven-fold ſhield, nor Vulcans cunning workmanſhip, nor Pallas Ægis can avoid. In the interim I deſire that the weather-beaten bark of my weak deſervings may glide with the Mediterranean Sea of thy good opinion, ſo ſhalt thou oblige me to continue

Thy obſervant Servant

Iohn Vaux.

A Compendious *Chronologie* of years expired within the Compaſs of this preſent year, 1656.

A Condito Mundo, juxta Orientalis Eccleſiæ Græcæ placita.	7164
Juxta Occidentalis Eccleſiæ tradita.	6854
Judæorum & Rabbinorum recentium monumenta.	5416
Juxta ſacras literas, & hiſtoricos fide digniores.	5605
The Sun ſtood ſtill in *Joſuah's* time	3063
The deſtruction of the City Troy	2840
Brute entred this Iſland of *Britain*	2763
The building of the famous City of *London*	2763
York was built.	2622
The building of the (ſometimes) famous City of *Rome.*	2047
The Sun returned 10 degrees backward.	2344
A Conſtitutione, Anni Juliani 365 dier. hor. 6.	1680
A Correctione Gregoriana, or Roman Account, *qua annus 365 dier. 5 hor. 49 min. 12 ſec. factus eſt.*	73
Jeruſalem utterly deſtroyed by *Titus Veſpaſian*	1573
The Chriſtian Faith generally received in *England*	1479
Scotland	1453
Ireland	1226
Conſtantine the great King of *Great Britain*	1246
The building of *Durham Abbey.*	661
Duke *William* conquered *England.*	590
The miraculous ſinking of Hell-kettles.	475
Weſtminſter was built.	536

Since

The Coining of *Durham* pence 450
The first Mayor of *London* 49
The Bible was divided into Chapters 44
The famous battel at *Nevills* Crosse near *Durham* 310
Pope *Urbanus* the 4th. made a new holiday in honour of the Sacrament, and called it *Corpus Christi* day. 301
The building of the two Schooles upon the Palace green at *Durham* by Bishop *Langley*, one for Grammar, and the other for Musick 234
The invention of Guns 276
The building of *Awcklands* Chapel by Bishop *Authonie Beake*. 371
The ancient Mannor place he did encastellate, he built the great Hall there (in which there are divers pillars of black Marble speckled with white) the great Chamber likewise, and many other Rooms adjoyning, he also erected the Quadrant in the West side of the Castle for the habitation of Deans and Prebendaries.
The Exchequer at *Durham* built by Bishop *Nevil* 218
The building of *Newton* bridge, and the bridges of *Shinkley* and *Yarum* by *walter Shirlaw*. 274
Bulloigne was conquered by *Henry* 8th. 139
The building of the gate of *Awcklands* College by *Lawrence Booth* Bishop of *Durham* 192
The Original of the Anabaptists 131
Martin Luther began to oppose the Pope 139
Duke of *Saxony* with others in leagge protested against the Decrees of *Ferdinand*, and thereupon were called Protestants 137
The use of Coaches came into *England* 10
The Royal Exchange by Sir *Thomas Gresham* 9
The Rebellion of the Earls of *Northumberland* and *Westmore-land*. 8

The

The great Massacre in *France* 94
Tilbury Camp in *Essex* upon St. *James* his day 68
The great fire in *Darlington*. 70
The great Eclipse of the Sun, ever since called the dark *Saturday* 59
The Diabolical attempt of the Powder Treason 51
The last great frost 47
The Plantation in *Virginia* 44
Smithfield was paved and railed 44
King *James* his progresse into *Scotland* 38
The birth of Prince *Charles* 26
The last great Snow 21
The building of the Grammar School in North *Awckland* by the Reverend father in God *Thomas* Lord Bishop of *Durham*. 18
The beginning of the late Parliament 16
The Earl of *Strafford* was beheaded 15
The Battel of *Keynton* Octob. 23 14
The fight at *Brainford* Novemb. 12. 14
The Scots came to assist the Parliament 13
The Battel at *Newberry* 12
The great Battel at *York* 12
The fatal Battel at *Naseby* 11
King *Charls* was beheaded 8
The Engagement against Monarchal Government was generally taken throughout this Commonwealth of *England* 5

Note, that the year of our Lord End, according to the computation of the Church of England, *for the dates of all Evidences, Records and writings, beginneth the 25 day of* March, *so that the 24 day of* March *is the last day of the year* 1655.

A true description of the four Quarters of this year 1656.

AFter that God (for the sin of man) had brought a deluge upon the face of the Earth, and so destroyed it, he said, *Hereafter Seed-time, and Harvest, and Cold, and Heat, and Summer, and Winter, and Day, and Night shall not cease so long as the Earth remaineth.* Gen. 8. 2.

Of the Spring.

AEquinoctium *vernum*, Or the pleasant season of *Spring*, whose return revives each vegetable, beginneth at the Suns entrance into the first minute of *Aries*, making then the days and nights of a like length throughout the World, which shall be this year the ninth day of *Mareh* 15 min. before 4 of the Clock in the afternoon. This Quarter is by Nature hot and moist, for then the Sun is both come nearer unto his vertical point, and also to stars of a hotter Nature, causing thereby the dryer winds to blow, of which sort is *Subsolanus* and *Favonius*, called the west winds, wherewith superfluous humours are wasted and consumed, the seed conveniently sown, and the ground stirred and made fit to bring forth, which setteth forward trees, vines, flowers, and leaves, and bedecketh the Earth with grasse and herbs. But because the new and tender corn lately sprung up requireth moistning showers, there ariseth in the morning with the Sun *Pleiades*, *Hyades*, and *Orion*, and in the Evening *Arcturus*, tempestuous and moist stars, which stir up rain and moist winds; At the length the Sun (coming to Gemini) moveth a convenient and temperate heat to the former seed time.

The

The diſeaſes of this Quarter are ſuch as are incident to infancy, which be theſe that follow, *viz.* the ſmall pocks, meaſels, ſquinancy, morbus regius, ſhingles, worms, or tetters, Saint *Anthonies* fire, the water-, the froſgan, ſcabs, itchings, the fellan, puſhes, inflammations, hot agues, and ſuch like.

Of the Summer.

Solſtitium Æſtivum beginneth at the Suns ingreſſe into the firſt minute of the Northern and Tropical ſign *Cancer*, which will be the tenth day of June, 6 min. before 11 at night. This Quarter is by nature hot & dry, at the beginning there ariſeth *Præſepe*, *Aſelli* & other fixed ſtars of a moiſtning virtue, from whence by the Suns force is ſtirred up rain, to bring forward Corn and other fruit. But after that the things growing from the earth have attain'd a juſt increaſe, and by heat wax toward maturation and ripeneſſe, the Sun approacheth the firſt ſign *Leo*, and there ariſeth *Syrius* and *Procyon*, which are ſtars of a hot conſtellation, therefore great heat is ſtirred up, to the tempering whereof, the Etheſian winds blow in the day time. Afterward the Sun coming to *Virgo*, the ſaid heat is mitigated by little and little, and at the riſing of *Arcturus* it bringeth rain.

The diſeaſes of this Quarter be colicks, riſing of the ſtomach, leproſie, pimpies in the face, obſtructions, feavers of blood, impoſthumes, jaundiſe, pluriſies, ſtitches, inflammations, and ſuch as proceed from aduſt Choler, and diſtemper of blood.

Of Autumn.

The Autumnal Æquinoctial Quarter beginneth the twelfth day of September at 1 of the Clock 39 min. after

after, at which time the Sun entreth into the first min[ute] of the Æquinoctial sign *Libra*, making then the nigh[t] equal with the days. This quarter is by natnre co[ld] and dry. For the heat ceaseth with the Summer passe[d] And although pentifull showers do then fall, so that th[e] Vintage is then abundant, and the winter seed-time made more Commodious, yet, notwithstanding the re-maining heat of the air, which by the Suns accesse to hot stars in *Sagittarius*, is somewhat increased, and the moisture of the earth drawn up, and the ground cherished and prepared for the Winter following, lest cold coming of the sudden might hurt the seed and winter corn.

The diseases of this quarter are crudities and rawnesse of the stomach, surfettings, pains in the back, darknesse in the sight, vertigo, or turnings of the brain, head-ache, retention of the urine, canker, fistulaes hemerrhoids, the stone and strangury, tooth-ache, with impediments in the eyes, and such like.

Of the Winter.

Solstitium Hyemale, The stay of the Sun in winter, or our winter Quarter, according to Astronemical computation beginneth the 10 day of *December*, 40 min. past midnight; at which time the Sun entreth into the Southern and Tropical sign *Capricornus*, making the dayes shortest, and the nights longest, at which time he began his Northern Progresse towards the *Æquator*.

This Quarter of its own nature is cold and dry, at which time the Earth is at rest, and ceaseth to bring forth, that it may gather together again, and recover the lost strength against Summer, from whence winter most commonly bindeth the earth, which it warmeth and covereth with snow, as with a garment, and refresheth it with store of rain; for Snow and Ice are comfortable to corn and fruit, and bringeth plenty of all things. And at-

the Sun hath accompliſhed his laſt degrees under *Aries* and *Piſces*, he openeth the earth with new and pleaſant gales of wind, and prepareth the Spring time. And this is the general temperament or moderation of every Quarter of the year, which is alwayes to be underſtood and conſidered in *Meteorologie*, leſt that we ſpeak of flowers in Winter, and of Ice in Summer.

The diſeaſes incident unto this Quarter, are ſuch as accompany old age, or dotage, *viz.* the gout, ſciatica, trembling of the joints, blear eyes, the cough, the ſtone, and ſtrangury, the cramp, palſie, the ſhrinking of the ſinews, dropſies, and all cold diſeaſes that come by want of blood.

Having now ſpoken ſomewhat of the four Quarters of the year; it ſhall not be amiſſe (under the favourable protection of Juſtice) to ſpeak ſomething of the 4 quarter Seſſions of the year, to the end that he that can but read (and being any way tyed to the attendance of the Quarterly ſitting of the Juſtices) may hereby know their ſeveral beginnings, without expecting any further warning thereof.

The Quarter Seſſions after *Chriſtmas* will be kept upon the 16 day of *January*; and the reaſon (why the Seſſions is ſo long deferred) is becauſe the Statute 2 *H.* 5. 4 ſaith, That the Seſſions ſhall be in the firſt week after the *Epiphanie*, which is (as it were) the Baſis of the Seſſions; So that if the *Epiphanie* ſhall fall (as it doth this year) upon the Sunday, which (according to the Jewiſh account) is *feria prima*; yet can they not begin any ſooner, becauſe according to the intent and meaning of the Statute, the week (wherein the Feaſt falleth) muſt be firſt ended before the Seſſions can begin. And for proof hereof I refer you to the Statute it ſelf, which ſaith, concerning Eaſter Seſſions, That the Seſſions ſhall be the firſt week after the clauſe of *Eaſter*, which is the *wedneſday* ſennight after *Eaſter* day; ſo that by like example, if any of theſe three feaſts *viz.* the *Epiphanie*, the tranſla-

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tion of Saint *Thomas* the Martyr, or Saint *Michael* the Archangel shall fall upon *Sunday*, *Monday*, or *Tuesday*, then shall the Sessions (according to that Rule) be upon *Wednesday* sennight after; but if that in case any of these feasts aforesaid, shall fall upon *Wednesday*, *Thursday*, *Friday*, or *Saturday*, which is the clause or conclusion of the week and feast, then shall the Sessions be upon the next *Wednesday* after. For the week wherein the feast falleth would be ended before the Session begin. *Seven dayes shalt thou keep a feast unto the Lord thy God.* Deut. 16. So that the 8 day after every feast is called the *Octave* thereof, yet do I not write this, because I would seem to be singular, or prescribe a Law, but so far as the Statute expounds it self, and for the good of my Countrymen, who (peradventure not hearing the Proclamation of the Sessions) may take notice thereby.

The Quarter Sessions after Easter will be, the 16 day of *April*.

The Quarter Sessions after the translation of Saint *Thomas* the Martyr, will be the 16 day of *July*.

The Quarter Sessions after Saint *Michael* the Archangel will be the 8 of *October*.

Of Eclipses.

NO lesse than five Eclipses shall this year be observed upon the Superficies of this Globe of mortality, two of the Sun, and three of the Moon, but we in *Europe* shall only behold the first of the Sun and Moon.

The Eclipse of the Moon, visible in our Horizon, will happen, New-years day.

The beginning thereof (according to *Eichstadius*) will be *hor.7. min.40. sec.00.*

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e middle or greateſt obſcuration *hor.9.min.24.ſec.18*
end thereof at *hor.11.min.08.ſec.36*
e total duration *hor.3.min.28.ſec.36.*

But thoſe people that are under the longitude of 75. grees, and 40 min. may obſerve this Eccliplſe in their idian; ſuch are they who inhabit in *Siria*, *Chaldea*, ſa, *Damaſcus*, *Hieruſalem*, and the adjacent places. e Eccliplſe of the Sun viſible in our Hemiſphere, will pen upon *Sunday* the 16 day of *January*.

e beginning thereof at *hor.1.min.29 ſec.12.*
e middle or greateſt obſcuration *hor.2.min.43.ſec.12.*
e end thereof at *hor.3.min.56.ſec.40.*
e total duration *hor.2.min.27.ſec.28.*

e other I forbear to mention, becauſe not viſible in r Hemiſphære.

The Sun and Moon eclipſ'd from mortal ſight
Do ſtand amaz'd, and ſo with-hold their light,
Aſham'd to ſee the beaſtly works on earth,
By men not fearing Battel, Plague, or Dearth.

Watch and Pray, 1 Pet. 4. 7.

The end of all things is at hand;
And therefore woe unto that Land,
That doth not now with ſpeed begin
To turn to God, and ſhake off ſin;
For Nation doth 'gainſt Nation riſe,
And fearfull ſignes appear in ſkies
Of that ſome day thats coming on,
Which many one leaſt think upon.
Defer not therefore but convert
To day, and harden not your heart;
Leſt that you cry when time is gone,
O Lord that we had not ſo done!
For then the Lord will ſtop his ear,
And your Complaints by no means hear.

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Immediatly after the tribulation of those days, *shall the Sun be darkened, and the Moon shall not give her light, and the stars shall fall from heaven, and the powers of heaven shall be shaken, and then shall appear the sign of the Son of Man*, &c. Mat. 24. cap. ver. 29. 30.

Yet a very little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry. Heb. 10. 37.

Our Saviour hath invited and drawn us for to observe by a certain similitude and parable of a Fig-tree saying, *when his branch is yet tender, and putteth forth leaves, ye know that Summer is nigh; So likewise ye, when ye shall see all those things* (viz. Mat. 24. 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11.) *know that the kingdom of God is near, even at the doors.* Mat. 32. 33. The Prophet *Isaiah* foretelling the signes that shall be fore-runners or harbingers of that dreadfull day, saith, *that the stars of heaven, and the constellations thereof shall not give their light, the Sun shall be darkned in his going forth, and the Moon shall not cause her light to shine,* Isaiah 13. 10. and St. *John* prophesying of that day, saith, *The Sun was as black as Sackcloath of hair, and the Moon became as blood,* Revel. 6. 11. that is (as sundry Divines do interpret) *the beauty of the Church shall be defaced, and the light of the Gospel shall be put out.* By which Scriptures it is apparent, that the time approacheth, yea is even at the doors, *when as the Heavens being on fire shall be dissolved, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat*: Wherefore I will conclude as I began, *watch and Pray.*

O Lord at our last dreadfull day,
Accept thy Christ for us, we pray,
Who did for us fulfill thy Law,
which none but he could doe we know.
His merits Lord to us bequeath,
who for our sins did suffer death,
And grant us pardon hence for aye,
That we with him may rest alway.

AMEN

AMEN ſay thou, O heavenly King,
And we ſhall ALLELUIAH ſing.

A prediction of the Weather, by infallible proofs,

ALthough I purpoſed and partly promiſed to write of the diſpoſition and inclination of the weather, yet in regard I find that cuſtome not ſo current, I commend to your Chriſtian conſideration the words of the Almightie's Prophets, leſt prejudging of my ſelf, I ſhould be counted Moon Prophet. *Thus ſaith the Lord thy Redeemer, and he that formed thee from the womb, I am the Lord that maketh all things, that ſtretcheth out the heavens alone, that ſpreadeth out the Earth by my ſelf: that fruſtrateth the tokens of the Lyers, and maketh Diviners mad, that turneth wiſe men backward, and maketh their knowledge fooliſh*, Iſaiah 44. 24, 25.

Wherefore take this Warrant for the weather.

The Pleiades or ſeven ſtars, bring *Rain*, and *Orion drought*, Job 38.

The North wind blowing foreſheweth cold. Job 37. 9.

The South wind or heat in Summer prognoſticateth whirl-whind. Job 37. 9.

The wind coming North after rain is a token of fair weather. Pro. 25. 23.

The Sky being red in the Evening is a ſign of fair weather, Mat. 16. 3.

The Sky being red in the morning early ſignifieth a tempeſt at hand. Mat. 16. 3.

The Southwind blowing betokeneth heat. Luke 12. 5.

The Clouds arriſing out of the Weſt, are Arguments of Rain. Luke 12. 54.

Theſe predictions none can deny, becauſe they are

Of meer Politick Customes of the Jews, and first of their Civil times.

THe day at the first was called a natural day, beginning at the Sun-setting, containing 24 hours, Numb. 3.17. *In which day* I smote *Ægypt*, yet in *Exodus* it is expresly said, *that they were killed in the night.* Exod. 11. 4.

The artificial day was from the Sun-rising to the Sun-setting? *Why sit ye here all the day long, from morning till night.* Exod. 8. 14. So in *John* 11. 9. *Are there not* 12 *hours in the day?* that is, from the Sun-rising to the Sun-setting.

The day natural was divided into 4 Quadrants, or parts, or watches; the first from the Sun-setting till midnight; the second from midnight to the Sun-rising; the third from the Sun-rising till the midst of the day, when the Sun is said to be in his strength; the fourth to the Sun-setting.

The artificial day was divided into 4 parts; the first from the twilight till the third hour; the second to the sixth; the third to the ninth hour, and the fourth till night.

The *Hebrews* divided their night into 3 watches, and every watch had 4 hours. The first from the beginning of the night till the fourth hour, this was called *Caput Vigiliarum*, the beginning of the Watch. *Lam.* 2. 19. The second *media Vigilia*, the middle Watch, *Judges* 7. 16. The third, *Vigilia matutina*, the morning watch, *Exod.* 14. 14.

The Romans divided the night into 4 watches, and every watch had 3 hours.

This

This Diviſion of the Jews day (by the Jews) laſted till the Captivity, where they learned the diviſion of the day into hours, *Mat.* 11. 24.

An hour is either Simple or Compound.

A Compound is the fourth part of a natural day, which is 4 Quadrants, and every one of theſe Quadrants is 3 ſimple hours, and takes the denomination from the laſt of the three hours.

The firſt Quadrant is from the Sun-riſing to the third hour, and it is call'd the third hour.

The ſecond is from the third to the ſixth, and it is call'd the ſixth hour.

The 3 Quadrant is from the ſixth to the ninth, and it is called the ninth hour.

The laſt Quadrant is from the ninth to the Sun-ſet and is called the laſt hour.

So *Mark* and *Luke* are to be reconciled, *Mark* 15. 28 *And it was about the 3 hour, when he was crucified. Luke* 23. 44. *And it was about the 6 hour when he was crucified*; that is, when the third hour was ended, and the ſixth hour beginning, and not finiſhed.

Of their Months.

Their Months conſiſted of full 30 days at the firſt; before the Children of *Iſrael* came out of *Egypt*, they followed the *Egyptians* and *Chaldeans*, reckoning their moneths, according to the Courſe of the Sun, and their moneths were full thirty days, as may be gathered out of *Geneſis* 8. 4. 6. 13, 14. The floud began to wax the ſeventh day of the ſecond moneth, and it began to decrease upon the ſeventh day of the ſeventh moneth, now from the ſeventh day of the ſecond moneth, till the ſeventh day of the ſeventh moneth are reckoned by the Scripture, 150 days, which make 5 months. So after they were out of *Egypt*, their moneths were alſo 30 days,

Numb.

Numb. 11.19. *Ye shall not eat one day, neither five days, neither ten days, but even a whole moneth*; where we may see that he goeth by gradation, from 1. 5. 10. and so to 20 and 30.

To expresse that the moneths had 30 dayes, *Cleobulus* propounded this Riddle, of a Father that had 12 sons, and every son had 30 children.

One Father hath twelve sons, and every brother,
His thirty Children hath, not one like t'other.
They partly black, and partly white are they,
Stil deathlesse, and yet dying every day.

Of the Antiquity of our Nation, together with a reason why we call our weekly days by the names of Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, &c.

IF this our Island were once a Continent to *France*, as *Verstegan* proveth, then I suppose, the most ancient name thereof was *Samothea*, afterwards being made an Island by the Sea eating through that little *Isthmus* or neck of Land between *Dover* and *Calice*, it was called *Albion* from *Albion* a Son of *Neptune* by whom and whose posterity it was inhabited untill *Brute* made conquest of it. This *Brute* was not of the *Trojan* blood, but was first a King of a People called *Rutili*, who being driven from thence (together with his son *Turnus*) by *Æneas* Prince of *Troy*, came into *France*, where they built the City *Tours*, as I find it reported by *Alstedius* in his Chronology of ancient Cities. From thence he came into *Albion*, and vanquishing the old Inhabitants there-

thereof, he called it (according to his own name) *Britannia*, or *Britain*. Afterwards it came to be invaded by the *Saxons*, who came and took poſſeſſion of *Loegria*, the beſt part of *Britain*, leaving unto it the name of *England*, which unto this day, with dayly increaſe of honour, it ſtill enjoyeth: This was in the year of our Lord 447. and in the ſecond year of King *Vortiger*. Theſe *Saxons* were meerly and originally a people of *Germany*, as *Verſtegan* again declareth: So that the *Engliſh-men* iſſued from the noble Nation of the *Germans*, or from the *Saxons* coming thence. Howbeit the whole Country was not generally called *England*, until the *Heptarchy* or ſeven petty Kingdoms of the *Saxons* was brought into a Monarchy by *Egbert*, King of the *weſt-Saxons*, which hapned about the year of our Lord 800.

It is alſo ſeen, that the antient *Teutonick* or *German* tongue, is the very ground of our *Engliſh* ſpeech, although it be mixed now with many borrowed words out of other Languages. And as true alſo it is, that the names of our weekly days are no other than what thoſe antient *Saxons* uſed. For being at the firſt Heathens, they had many Idols, which they worſhipped; and among the reſt, they appropriated ſeven to the ſeven days of the Week. The firſt was the Idol of the Sun, which had a day belonging to it, and this they called *Sunday*, which is as much as to ſay the Suns day. The ſecond was the Idol of the Moon, whereof we yet retain the name of *Monday*, inſtead of *Moonday*. The third was the Idol of *Tuiſco*, the moſt antient peculiar God of all the *Germans*, and from this *Tuiſco* we retain the name of *Tuiſday*, or (as we now pronounce it) *Tueſday*. The fourth was the Idol *woden*, whom they reputed as their God of War: he was ſometime a valiant

tiant Captain among them, and from hence came the name of *wodenſday*, which through tract of time is now called *wedneſday*. The next was their Idol *Thur*, and of the weekly day which was dedicated to his peculiar ſervice, we yet retain the name of *Thurſday*, which amongſt the *Danes* and *Swedes* is called *Thorſday*. The ſixth was the Idol of their Goddeſs *Friga*, from whence came the name of *Friday*. The ſeventh and laſt of this number, was their Idol *Seater*, unto whom the day dedicated came to be called *Saturday*: and thus came the days of the week to have their ſeveral names. And note, that although I gave notice formerly concerning *Egbert*, that he wat he firſt Monarch among the *Saxons*, by reducing the Heptarchy into a Monarchy, yet all the ſeven Kingdoms were not then under him, for he ſubdued only the chief of them, and not till *Alured* were all united. This *Alured* left unto the *Danes*, Poſſeſſion, but not Soveraignty, in *Northumberland*: he began to raign in the year 873, and divided *England* into ſhires. After this in the days of *Ethelred*, the *Danes* attempted once again to recover their Soveraignty, and put the Land to a great Tribute; but in the year of our Lord 1022. on S. *Bricies* day at night, they were murdered in their beds: which being done, *Swain* King of *Denmark* came with a Navy of 350 Sail into *England*, and cauſed *Ethelred* to forſake his Kingdom, leaving both it and his Subjects to the mercy of the *Danes*. But in the year 1045. The *Saxons* were reinthroned in *Edward* the Confeſſour, who was the firſt among the Kings of *England*, that had power to cure the ſwelling of the Throat, called by us the *Kings Evil*. After this in the days of *Herald*, came in the *Normans*, in the year of Chriſt 1066. whoſe firſt King was *William* the Conqr, the ſecond *William Ruſus*, the third Hen-

Henry the Firſt, the next *Stephen*: but in *Henry* the Second, the *Saxon* line was again reſtored. This continued till *Henry* the Seventh, who did not only unite the two Houſes of *York* and *Lancaſter* together, but alſo the *Saxon* and the *Britiſh* blood: for he married *Elizabeth*, Daughter and heir to *Edward* the Fourth, and was alſo extracted from the *Britiſh* Royal blood, as being Son to *Edmond Tudor* Earl of *Richmond*, who was Son to *Owen Tudor*, whoſe lineal deſcent was from *Cadwallader* the laſt *Britiſh* King. And from *Margaret* the eldeſt Daughter of the ſaid *Henry* (who was married into *Scotland*) came King *James*, in whom the two Kingdoms of *England* and *Scotland* were united. *But no more of this.*

Memorable things worthy of obſervation in the County of Durham.

THings of rare note obſerved in this County, are three Pits of a wonderfull depth, commonly called the *Hell-kettles*, which are adjoyning near unto *Darlington*, whoſe waters are ſomewhat warm. Theſe are thought to come of a Earthquake, which happened in the year of Grace, 1179. whereof the Chronicle of *Tinmouth* maketh mention, whoſe Record is this.

On Chriſtmaſs day at Oxen-hall *in the territories of* Darlington, *within the County of* Durham, *the ground heaved aloft like unto a Tower, and ſo continued all that day as it were unmovable, until the Evening, and then fell with ſo horrible a noiſe, that it made the*

Neighbour-dwellers; sore afraid, and the Earth swallowed it up, and made in the same place three deep pits, which are there to be seen for a testimony unto this day.

Of no lesse admiration are certain stones lying within the River *weere* at *Buteerbee* near *Durham*, from whose sides at the low & ebbing water in the Summer, issueth a certain salt reddish water, which with the Sun waxeth white, and growing into a thick substance, becometh a necessary Salt to the use of the by-dwellers.

Comitatus hic ad Septentrionem à Northumbria, Derventione fluvio dividitur, ad Occidentem, Cumbriam, & Westmerlandiam attingit: ad ortum Oceano Germanico pulsatur. Ambitus illius CIII. *mill. pas. complectitur, triangulari ferè forma. Oppida habet* VI. *Ecclesias* CXVIII.

Metropolis Dunelmus, vulgo Durham; situ editiori & munitissimo, spatio tamen non magno, Ovali quodammodo forma, Wyro flumine ab omni præterquam à Septentrione circumfunditur, & mœnibus firmatur: Ad Australem partem Cathedralis Ecclesia surgit turre conspicua: in medio imponitur Castrum quodammodo extremum inter duos pontes è saxo, quibus fluvius hinc ad ortum, illinc ad occasum conjungitur, habet & sua suburbia cum singulis Ecclesiis.

Cætera oppida sunt Bernard-Castle, Staindrop, Darlington, Hartlepool, Emporium celebre situ, per commodum, & statione fida. Awckland editiori tumulo impositum, ubi nuperrimi pulcherrimæ Episcopi Ædes, & insignis pons visitur.

Aër hujus Comitatus est valdè acris & penetrans: solum varium, Orientalis pars Campestris, Australis montosa, versus occidentem petrosum est solum: ve petuaria tamen & carbone fossili incolis quæstuosum.

Places of elder time had in account by th Romeans

ians were *Benovium*, now *Binchester*; and *Condercum*, *Chester* in the ſtreet, where their monies have been digged up, and at *Condercum* ſo much, that Ligbrick, Biſhop of *Durham*, was therewith made exceeding rich.

A Note of the Fairs or Fair Days in Darlington.

Upon *Eaſter-Monday* is kept a Fair for *Swine*.

Upon *whitſun-Monday*, and the *Monday* fortnight after, commonly called the great *Monday*, which falleth this year the 9 day of *June*, is kept a fair for Cattel, ſheep, horſes, and all manner of merchandize, and ſo every fortnight after until *Chriſtmas*.

Upon the 27 day of *October*, is kept a fair for horſes only.

Upon the 30 day is kept a Fair for Cattel.

Upon the 3 of *November* is kept a Fair for ſwine only.

Martinmas day is a head Fair day, for all manner of things vendible; And ſo is great *Monday* after, which is the 24 day of *November*.

A brief diſcourſe of Common things obſerved.

Forasmuch as the noble Mariner, whoſe hand in my heart I kiſſe, can with a wet finger tell us all the

the changes of the Moon, and all the Tides, how and when they flow, or ebbe at every head-land, in every Harbour, Port, Creek and Corner, not only in this Common-wealth, but also in most parts of the world, I suppose I should do him wrong, to presume to teach him by Rules and Tables, who can better inform himself out of the supply of his own deep experience, therefore I omit that as a thing superfluous.

I need not teach the painful Plou[gh]man when to ear or sow in the soyl where he liveth: neither need I instruct *Cuth.* the Cutler, with his crooked horn to gild, libb, or cut; for his own experience can make him more prompt and perfect, than any Rules I can prescribe.

I will not tell a Pedlar with his Pack and Packstaffe, how many Fairs are kept within his Circuit, and on what days they are held (excepting only those I have before mentioned within my native soyl) for he can shew me by his trotting trade, a many more than I can nominate.

Termers and Carriers, Foot-Posts and Budget bearers, can tell the Highways, and number of miles from any part of this Common-wealth to the City of *London*, better by many degrees than I can direct them: I will therefore leave that ordinary discourse, and give thee in exchange some other notions, that shall be more useful and pleasant.

Ne Sutor ultra crepidam, Tractent Fabrilia Fabri.

Now is the time of danger
To the homebred man and stranger.
Beware therefore.

Si sapiens fore vis, sex serva quæ tibi mando,
Quid loquaris, & ubi, de quo, cui, quomodo, quando.
Præmitte, Præmittes.

Up-

Upon the Authors Name.

I was conceived in the sin
O f Adam, who first brought it in;
H e broke the Law which God had made,
N ot fearing what the Lord then said.

V pon me Lord thy Grace confer,
A nd let me not hereafter erre;
u nto the Lord I me betake,
'X cuse my sin for JESUS sake.

A Conclusion with a Præmonition.

The world was created in six days, *Gen.* 1. These by computation of the Scriptures, seem to note unto us 6000 years, 2 *Pet.* 3. 8. *Psal.* 90. 4. Again, *Adam* fell upon the sixth day, which is a Sympathy of the Worlds end within six thousand years.

But (for our comfort) as our first *Adam* transgressed the law of God upon *Ill-Friday* the sixth day of the week, so our second *Adam* fulfilled the Law of God upon *Good-Friday*, thy sixth day of the week.

And so the womans seed
Did bruise the Serpents head.
And suffered for us all,
To raise us from that fall.

Now according to the Computation of our Ecclesiastical Chonologers 5583 of those years are already past, so then there wants to make up that six thousand years compleat, but only 417 years, which the

Lord

Lord will shorten for his elects sake, *Mat.* 24. 22. But this day and hour is only known unto God, *Mat.* 24. 36. notwithstanding the signs forewarning us of that day are daily in our sight, and therefore I will make an End, *Watch and Pray.*

Extremæ voces.

Aspera vox ITE, sed vox benedicta VENITE;
ITE malis vox est apta, VENITE bonis.

Precatio D. Bernh. ☉ *Domine in die illo libera me à verbo aspero.* Fiat, Finiat.

FINIS.

ultima semper expectanda dies.

The Book in defence of the Author.

Sith error is so natural, and incident to man,
That it is *quasi proprium*, doe all the best he can
And stealingly doth step in place, where it is least suspected,
For *Bernard* seeth not all ('tis said) but oft may be cotrected,
If any error have escapt my Author or his Pen,
Correctors eyes, or Printers hands, as some may now and then,
Account it for a humane fault, which no man can eschew
Which (in respect thou art a man) amend, and so adiew.

Humanum est errare.

No place but is of Errors rife,
In labours, lectures, leaves, lines, life.
Avant then *Momus* keep thee mute, & *Zoylus* stand aloofe,
Deprave ye not the thing that serves for every mans behoof;
Ne Carp ye at the Authors work, which Critick few can mend,
Whose aime is at the publick good, and so I make

AN END.